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Column One
By DAVID COURTNEY

EOKA'S flag of truce, waved at the street corners of Nicosia, looks genuine. It took the form of printed leaflets offering a truce so that bloodshed should be ended and a way made for negotiations. The offer appeared under the signature of Dighenis, said once to have been a Colonel in the Greek army. Now, from all accounts, he is the Cypriot William Tell, with grenades instead of apples and machine-guns instead of bows and arrows, who has lived in cellars and mountain caves and directed the killing, in ambush, of British soldiers and Cypriot "collaborationists." Of course, it may turn out that Dighenis is a Limassol import and export merchant: with terrorist leaders you never can tell.

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THE British authorities on Cyprus appear to have accepted the signature of Dighenis and his word of truce. There is talk of giving the truce a month's trial, whatever that means. It may mean that if, during that time, EOKA not only keeps its word but convinces the Government that its extreme edge can be compelled to keep the same word, then the Archbishop will be recalled from his exile to work out, with Lord Radcliffe, a constitution amounting in the first place to self-government and in the second place to self-determination on the subject of *enosis*.

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IT looks, on the face of it, like a step forward: only a step, but a decisive one, without which no other can be taken that does not lead to the capitulation of one side or the other. There had to be a stop to terrorism and counter-measures before the chance for negotiation could re-appear. As for terrorism itself, in a small community like that of Cyprus it must, in the end, terrify the ordinary people, the shopkeepers and tradesmen, the workers and parents of families, more than it can possibly terrify the object against which it is mainly directed.

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IN brief, terrorism in an island like Cyprus must succeed quickly. It must move up quickly from the status given it by a few gunmen and dynamiters to the status of a national guerrilla movement which commits to daring almost the whole able-bodied community. Otherwise the ordinary people are made to feel merely unsafe, perhaps believing in the cause and praying for it but steadily becoming more and more frightened of those who have armed the cause with guns and grenades and have begun to seek out "traitors," and "informers," and to become themselves frightened of the timid among their own people. It is hard to be caught between two treasons.

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IF it is over, let us and the Cypriots be thankful. Killings of a dark night or hangings at dawn may contribute to the imposing of this or that will but must lie heavy on conscience. And, God knows, there has been enough of it. The question now is whether and when negotiations will begin; and the trouble, perhaps, is less in the claims of the two parties directly concerned than in those of a third party, Turkey. The Turks continue to think they have the right of veto where proposals affecting the future of Cyprus are concerned; and base the right not merely on the minority of Turkish Cypriots but also on the island's strategical position over against the Turkish mainland.

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THE Turks wish not only to keep the question of self-determination in abeyance, but also to persuade the British Government to impose parity of representation between Greek Cypriots and the Turkish minority on the island. Even if the Turks have a case when it comes to *enosis* (and it is a case that presumes Greek designs on Turkish territory) they can have none at all in the matter of a Cypriot constitution setting out the shape and responsibilities of Cypriot self-government so long as the Turks of Cyprus are given exactly the same rights, citizen for citizen, as the Greeks of Cyprus.

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IF the EOKA offer proves to be in fact genuine, and if its sponsors are able to control the organization's own extremists, there must, then, be negotiations, which cannot be allowed this time to fail because of third-party claims.

Jerusalem, August 20.

Marshall Meets Chinese Premier

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — Singapore's former Chief Minister, Mr. David Marshall, had lunch with the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai today, Peking Radio reported.

Mr. Marshall, who is chairman of the Singapore Labour Front, is adviser to an unofficial Singapore trade delegation to China. While he was chief minister, Mr. Marshall was an outspoken critic of Communism.

Cabinet Hears Reports On Security, Suez

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday heard reports by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister on security matters and foreign policy, and dealt with current questions.

The Ministerial Economic Committee approved a draft Fuel Excise Law which provides for the levying of excise on all types of fuel produced locally.

It also discussed the prices of the Mekorot Water Company, and heard a review of the activities of El Al.

Foreign Minister Golda Meir presented a report on the developments at the London conference. Her presentation included a summary of the efforts being made by our diplomatic representatives in making clear Israel's case to the delegates of most of the 22 nations convened in the British capital.

In this connection, our Political Correspondent reports, there is a feeling of satisfaction with the apparent unanimity of the delegates on the question of absolutely free navigation for all nations of the world.

Among the statements made at the conference, that of the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Shepilov, appeared from press reports to be particularly clear on the point of universally free transit. He is quoted as having said that while Egypt's sovereignty over the Canal must be accepted, she should assume obligations to ensure free navigation for all nations. The sixth of his seven-point programme placed before the delegates on Friday underlined the case: "The Canal is not to be subjected to blockade."

While this and other statements have been unequivocal on the matter of free navigation for all nations, nevertheless it has yet to be seen to what practical lengths they will be taken. It would therefore be unduly optimistic to believe at this point that the Israel flag would soon be permitted to sail unhampered through the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir Meets Burns Today

Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns is expected to be received by Foreign Minister Golda Meir today at the former's request to discuss a number of questions regarding armistice affairs. Gen. Burns had asked for the meeting last week, but for technical reasons it was not held.

No questions concerning the latest border incidents will be raised, it is understood.

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission is due to sit in emergency session today to take up the ambush of the passenger bus and its escort on the Eilat road last Thursday. Four were killed in the attack.

NEARS reported last night that Jordan has lodged four complaints with the M.A.C. Two dealt with an alleged Israel attack on the village of Habalah in the Tulkarem area and two with an alleged violation of Jordan air space by Israel jets over Hebron.

Envoy in S. Domingo Presents Documents

Aluf David Shaltiel, Minister to San Domingo, presented his letter of credence last Friday to the President, General Hector B. Trujillo, it was officially announced yesterday. Aluf Shaltiel resides in Mexico, where he is also Israel's Minister.

British Libyan Bases Not Against Egypt

TRIPOLI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Libyan Government Press Officer said today that Britain had confirmed that she will not use her bases in Libya to attack Egypt.

The Prime Minister of Libya, Mustapha Ben Halim, told the Press recently that "the bases in Libya are leased on condition that they should be used in the defence of the free world, not against Egypt."

Ben Halim arrived in Istanbul by air today to join King Idris, of Libya, who has been on a state visit to Turkey.

Republicans to Open Convention Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (Reuter). — Delegates streamed into San Francisco today for the Republican Party's National Convention, which will open tomorrow and will nominate Dwight Eisenhower for a second four-year term as President. They expected a comparatively quiet assembly.

The President's name is the only one expected to be put forward as the Republican candidate against Mr. Adlai Stevenson, and he is likely to be nominated by acclamation on Wednesday.

The choice of his running-mate as Vice-President may produce a heated debate, but most observers were confident today that Mr. Richard Nixon would be nominated again. The California delegation last night settled its disputes by a compromise which seemed to assure Nixon, himself a Californian, of the state's 70 Convention votes.

Meanwhile, the White House Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, denied today in Washington a Florida newspaper report that President Eisenhower would undergo another operation for ileitis.

Mr. Hagerty said that he had checked with the President's doctor, who "categorically denied" the report which appeared in the Miami "Herald" on Saturday.

The paper had said that the operation was not of an urgent nature and would be postponed till after the November elections.

G.O.P. Mid-East Plank Evasive

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (INA). — The Republican Party platform, which will be presented to the Convention on Wednesday, has been described as "short and easy to read." It will include endorsement of the Supreme Court's prohibition of segregation in schools and pledges to continue present policies with increased vigour.

The Republican fraction which has been appearing before the Platform Committee, seeking to persuade Administration leaders to adopt a plank favouring arms for Israel, has met with little success. The foreign policy resolutions were drawn up in advance and approved by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles, the Secretary of State, and the Committee appears reluctant to make any alterations.

It is the view of the Administration that the Party should stand for "relaxation of tension" in the Middle East and call for the preservation of peace between the Arab states and Israel without specifying arms for Israel. No revolt of the delegates is anticipated on this point.

Morton is Chairman

The chairman of the subcommittee considering the Israel plank is Mr. Thurston B. Morton, who, while serving as former Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, advanced arguments against the shipment of arms to Israel and in favour of shipments to the Arabs. Mr. Morton has said that it is not necessary for the plank to go into detail on what measures should be taken in connection with the sale of arms to Israel.

Another witness before the committee was Mr. Alfred Lilienthal, a spokesman of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, who said that it would be "political suicide" if the Republicans now adopt a pro-Israel plank. He expressed the hope that the platform would mention neither Suez nor Israel.

Republican supporters of Israel before the Committee included Congressmen Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, who said that 40 Republican members of the House have endorsed a plank prepared by the New York delegation demanding a pro-Israel resolution.

Mr. John Gunther, the noted author and a spokesman for the Americans for Democratic Action, told the Committee that it was "unfortunate" that Mr. Lilienthal was allowed to appear to "question the good faith and impugn the motives" of friends of Israel. He said that the U.S. had no real friend in the Middle East except Israel. *(Reuter, INA)*

French Stand By On Massacre Anniversary

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter). — Troops and police were standing by throughout Algeria today to meet possible renewed rebel violence on the anniversary of the massacre of some 100 Europeans last year.

French officials said today that the alert was routine. Rumours of violence to mark anniversary dates have frequently proved unfounded.

A total of at least 25 insurgents were reported killed this week-end in clashes with security forces.

Iraqi League Delegate Refuses to Go Home

Tewfik Suweidi, Iraqi delegate to the Cairo meeting of the Arab League Council last week, has refused to return to Baghdad from the Lebanon, where he is vacationing, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday from Cairo. Suweidi, a former Iraqi Premier, was called home by Prime Minister Nuri Sa'id to report on the League sessions.

Passion Dampened at Fejoe Isle

COPENHAGEN, Sunday (Reuter). — Drenched and bedraggled romantics today wandered ankle-deep through mud at the Fejoe Island International Bachelors and Spinsters Festival.

Pouring rain this week-end has jeopardised this small Danish island's bid to become an open-air marriage market.

Of the 30,000 visitors confidently predicted by their hosts, the Fejoe Bachelor Association, perhaps 3,000 have materialised. To make matters worse—bachelors outnumbered spinsters by 20 to one.

Later tonight, it is hoped to elect "Mr. Fejoe" from among the disappointed bachelors of this island which has not enough women because so many prefer to go to work in the towns.

Last February, the Fejoe bachelors invited 30 women from Copenhagen to visit them on a day when, under Danish customs, women can propose to men. Unfortunately, despite this and a further female invasion, no Fejoe bachelors have been persuaded to give up their single state, and doubts are beginning to arise as to their sincerity.

The festival was to have ended at midnight with a display and the burning of a huge paper heart pierced by an arrow. While it continues to rain cats and dogs, this symbolic consummation is likely to be frustrated.

1,000 Attend 9th Moshav Meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Sunday. — The ninth national conference of the Moshav Movement representing 200,000 smallholders in 200 co-operative settlements, opened tonight in the floodlit village of Kfar Vitkin. Over 1,000 settlers, including 358 delegates, heard opening addresses by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Cabinet members and representatives of national institutions.

The Prime Minister declared that the *moshavim* could justly be proud of their achievements. They had borne the brunt of immigration during the past eight years, and had accepted as members thousands of immigrants who had been divorced from the land before they came to Israel.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol reported that IL80m. would be allocated this year to new settlements. "We will not rest until every village is covered with green," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Moshav Movement, Mr. Shmuel Dayan, M.K., veteran settler of Nahalal and father of the Chief-of-Staff, said that moshav families could not produce enough to cover the mounting cost of services, taxes and the share of middlemen handling their produce. He demanded a reduction in the general standard of living, a freezing of wages and profits and longer hours of work.

Mr. Reuven Jaffe of Nahalal called for the unity of settlement organizations.

Greetings to the convention were brought by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Luoz, by Mr. Z. Onn, on behalf of the Histadrut, and by Mr. A. Harzfeld M.K., on behalf of the Agricultural Centre.

Present on the dais were the Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. J. Sprinzak, and the Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir.

The Labour Attaches of Great Britain and the U.S., Mr. W. H. Marsh and Mr. Eugene Martinson, were among the guests.

First Breach Of Cyprus Truce

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). —British security forces exchanged shots with four armed men challenged near the Mitsero copper mines in central Cyprus last night.

The running battle in which official sources said the security forces suffered no casualties, was the first incident to disturb the lull in violence following the dramatic EOKA terrorist ceasefire order 48 hours earlier.

Official sources were reluctant to comment on the incident in view of the ceasefire offer, which has generally been accepted as genuine. Unofficially they said that the Government would not relax emergency restrictions or abandon the general attempt to solve the Cyprus problem if "minor incidents" occurred.

Meanwhile, the British Press was optimistic as to the possibilities of an effective settlement of the Cyprus dispute. The "Observer" urged the Government to lose no time in negotiating with the leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities as soon as it became clear that terrorism has really ended.

The political editor of the "Sunday Pictorial" wrote that what happens over Cyprus in the next few days may have an enormous impact on the Suez Canal crisis.

Hatoyama Said Prepared To Visit U.S.S.R.

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama indicated today that, health permitting, he was willing to go to Moscow personally to seek a World War Two peace settlement with Soviet Russia.

The 73-year-old Premier revealed his readiness to go to the Soviet capital, during a 50-minute meeting with Minister of Agriculture Ichiro Kono, who told Japanese newsmen after the talk that the Prime Minister had expressed willingness to go to Moscow to seek a way out of the present deadlock in the Russo-Japanese peace talks. Health is a major factor, however, because Mr Hatoyama is still suffering the effects of a paralytic stroke he had in 1951.

Mr. Kono, a key man in the Government, who negotiated fishery pacts with the Soviets in Moscow last May, said that he would accompany Mr. Hatoyama if the Prime Minister went to Moscow.

Cabinet Meets

Cabinet Ministers and leaders of the Government Liberal-Democratic Party discussed the Russo-Japanese peace talks at a special meeting on Saturday afternoon. At that meeting, some leaders suggested a personal trip to Moscow by the Prime Minister.

The formal peace talks between the Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, were suspended last week after Japan rejected Russia's demands for a quick signing of a peace treaty between the two countries on Moscow's terms. The Russian terms included rejection of Japan's claims to the islands of Kunashiri and Etorofu and proposals unacceptable to the Japanese on navigation through Japanese straits.

Meanwhile, a 23-member Japanese goodwill mission now touring Formosa brought a personal message to General Chiang Kai-shek from Mr. Hatoyama, it was disclosed in Taipeh today.

The message assured Gen. Chiang that Japanese co-operation with Formosa was not motivated by selfish interests but by a bond of mutual trust.

PRISONERS RETURN

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — The Japanese repatriation vessel, Koan Maru, arrived in Tokyo today with 115 repatriates from the Soviet Union.

The repatriates included 87 former members of the Japanese armed forces, 28 civilians, and fishermen arrested for violating Soviet territorial waters.

EGYPT'S AMBASSADOR LEAVES FOR CHINA

Brigadier Hassan Rajah, former Egyptian Under-Secretary of War for Arms Purchases and newly appointed Ambassador to Peking, left Cairo yesterday to assume his new post, "Al Ahram," the Cairo daily, reported.

Indian Suez Plan Expected Today; U.S. Against 'Imposed' Solution

Dulles Open to Counter-Plan

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, was reported tonight to have declared in London that he had no intention of forcing Egypt to accept his plan for international management of the Suez Canal.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, informed reporters after an hour's meeting with him that Mr. Dulles had told him: "We have no intention of forcing this plan on Egypt, but we believe that it contains the minimum conditions acceptable to all parties concerned."

Mr. Shigemitsu also said that the U.S. Secretary of State had declared that if Egypt had a counter-proposal which he considered better than the American plan, the Western nations would be willing to consider it.

Mr. Shigemitsu told reporters that he felt Mr. Dulles was opposed to adopting extreme measures.

The U.S. view as expressed tonight was that if Egypt rejects negotiations on the basis of the U.S. declaration, individual Governments would be faced with a new situation which would not be a question for the conference, it was said.

To Align Opinion

In the U.S. view, the conference was called to align the opinion of the major users of the Canal.

Meanwhile, plans went ahead today for the Western powers to place an American declaration before the 22-nation Suez conference, asking delegates to support international management of the nationalized Suez Canal.

Britain, France and the U.S. are reported by conference sources to be ready to present the proposal for action on the resumption of the conference tomorrow afternoon.

There may be a delay in the light of a review of today's numerous private exchanges, believed to be taking place at tonight's dinner given by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, for Premier Sir Anthony Eden and his Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.

Talks between Mr Lloyd, Mr. Dulles and M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister who returned tonight from a 24-hour visit to Paris, may also be held to discuss final tactics before the conference resumes.

The U.S. declaration was circulated last night and has been under study during today's recess. The conference will be asked by Mr. Dulles to endorse it and to decide how it can speedily be conveyed to the Cairo Government.

Opposes Amendments

It remains to be decided whether amendments should be incorporated into the tripartite plan before it is presented. Britain, it was understood in conference circles, was opposed to any substantial amendments.

As it stands at present, the declaration embodies the Western proposal that the Canal should be operated by an international board established by treaty and associated with the United Nations. Egypt would be represented.

The treaty envisaged in the declaration would provide for evidence of measures to meet any violations of it. This would include provisions for treating any threat to interfere with the operation of the Canal as a threat to peace in violation of the U.N. Charter.

The composition of the board would consist of Egypt and signatories to the treaty, with due regard being paid to their dependence on traffic through the Canal.

A conference source said that the functions of the international board are defined as "operating, maintaining and developing the Canal and enlarging it so as to deal with increased traffic."

The declaration also incorporates certain principles: international control must be restored, the old Suez Co. compensated, Egypt paid adequately for the use of the waterway, and her sovereignty respected.

It also provides for the establishment of some form of arbitral commission to deal with disputes.

Suez Co. Denies Influencing Pilots

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — A spokesman of the Suez Canal Company today denied reports that the Company had ordered its pilots to leave Egypt by the end of the month.

The staff had been asked to say if they would remain loyal to the Company. No further instructions had been sent to them, the spokesman said.

M. Max Virgnes, French Assistant Administrative manager of the Company, whose dismissal by the new Egyptian Canal authority was reported today from Cairo, returned to Egypt after leave in France last Thursday, officials said. M. Virgnes returned from holiday 15 days late because of illness, and had a medical certificate with him when he left France.

Absence as Reason

The reason given in the Egyptian Press for M. Virgnes's dismissal was "absence from work for 15 days without justification."

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Embassy in London issued a statement today refuting Press reports that a reduction in traffic through the Suez Canal was due to failure on the part of the authorities to provide sufficient pilots.

The Embassy reported that navigation on the Canal is following its normal course for this time of the year, the statement said. The reduction in convoys is a normal procedure during the summer holiday period, it added.

JORDAN BANISHES COMMUNIST LEADER

The Jordan authorities yesterday exiled to Syria Palestine Communist leader Fuad Nasser, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reported. Nasser was released from prison last week where he had spent five years of a 15 year sentence.

According to Reuter, the Jordan authorities, on orders from King Hussein, yesterday suspended moves to expel the Armenian Archbishop Diran Neirsmyan, who had been accused of having direct contact with the Soviet Armenian Republic.

King Hussein ordered the authorities to investigate the case. The Archbishop, a Palestinian by birth, is the highest religious personality of the Armenian community in Jerusalem.

Menon Has Egypt's Backing

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the Indian Minister without Portfolio, is tomorrow expected to submit to the Suez conference here a plan for the Suez Canal believed to have Egypt's backing.

Sources close to the Egyptian Embassy said tonight that this plan provided that general and financial administration of the Canal should remain in the hands of Egypt, and that in return the Cairo regime would co-operate with a multi-nation advisory board, possibly under U.N. auspices, to ensure that international shipping obligations were respected.

The sources said that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, had been informed of the plan worked out in close consultation here between Mr. Menon and Wing Commander Ali Sabry, Col. Abdul Nasser's chief political officer.

Sabry Sees Shepilov

Ali Sabry met Mr. Shepilov at the Soviet Embassy today, shortly before a meeting between the Soviet Foreign Minister and Mr. Menon.

Arab circles in London are also said to be interested in the plan for a settlement put before the conference yesterday by the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Hamidul Huq Chowdhury. He proposed that a small committee should be appointed by the conference to negotiate with Egypt on the basis of his proposal that: "An effective machinery be set up in active collaboration with Egypt to ensure the efficient, unfettered and continuous freedom of navigation to all nations without discrimination, while at the same time the legitimate interests of Egypt should be fully protected."

Egyptian Service Chiefs Confer

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — Egyptian service leaders met in Alexandria today to discuss what a general headquarters spokesman described as "unification of action" between the national armed forces and the "forces of popular resistance" in the event of any attempt by the West to impose a solution of the Suez crisis on Egypt.

News of the conference came after Col. Abdul Nasser had had another meeting here today with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Evgeny Kiselev. The meeting lasted for 90 minutes, and no details were disclosed.

The War Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Major-General Abdul Hakim Amer, and the Education Minister and Commander of the newly created "Liberation Army," took part in today's Alexandria conference.

'Consultative' Body

Meanwhile, it is believed that a consultative international body, working either inside or outside of the U.N., to participate in the control of Suez Canal navigation appeared to be the most effective proposal so far to emerge from the London conference.

The move was proposed by Sir Claude Corea, Ceylon's High Commissioner in Britain, at yesterday's session of the 22-nation meeting.

Abdul Nasser immediately told the Arab News Agency that a consultative board was "something which might be discussed."

Observers have said that the twin moves — from London and Cairo — may have introduced a new trend in attempts to hammer out a solution of the Canal issue.

Agreement Claimed In Jordan-Syrian Talks

DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter). — King Hussein of Jordan and President Shukri el Kuwaitly of Syria have discussed the general situation in the Arab world in their meetings in Damascus, a communique said tonight.

The Syrian Prime Minister, Sabri el Assali, who was present, said later in answer to questions that the Suez Canal dispute and the London conference had been discussed, and that there was agreement of views at the talks.

King Hussein is in Syria on a private visit.

Part of today's discussions between the King and the President were also attended by the Syrian Foreign Minister, Salah Bitar, Defence Minister Abdul Hassib Raslan and the Chief of Staff, Major General Tewfik Nizam e-Din. Chief of the Royal Cabinet Bahjat Te'ouni and Chief of Staff Major-General Ali Abu Nawar.

NEARS reported last night from Amman that Colonel Mohammed Musa'fa, the Arab Legion Commander in Hebron, has been appointed as the first Jordan military attache to Syria and the Lebanon.

Saudia Stands Aside As Arabs Demonstrate

Mention of Saudi Arabia was conspicuously absent in Egyptian and Jordan Press reports yesterday of the 24-hour strike called on Thursday to protest the opening of the London Suez Canal conference. Nor did any of the Arab broadcasting stations make any mention of demonstrations in Saudia.

"El Jihad," the Old City daily, commented that the people of Jordan remarked Saudi Arabia's lack of solidarity "with great regret." The paper went on to say, however, that the workers could not really be blamed for their decision not to join the demonstrations which swept the Arab world. (This is believed to be a reference to King Saud's fear that any agitation in the country would result in the Arabian-American Oil Company's thousands of workers who have been fighting unsuccessfully for better working conditions, getting out of hand).

Commenting editorially on the demonstrations, "Falastin," appearing in the Old City, said that on the whole, the strike was a success, but regretted that the wealthy among the Arabs, though loud in their support of the action, did nothing of material value for the cause of Arab independence.

PAKISTAN RELEASES PRO-CAIRO STRIKERS

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government today released 26 of the 97 people arrested in the past three days for breaking a regulation banning processions and assemblies in the city. The arrests started on August 16 while Karachi workers went on strike in support of Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal.

'Observer,' 'Pravda' Reflect Gap in Approach to Suez

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). —The independent "Observer" today called for territorial internationalization of the Suez Canal Zone as the only "adequate guarantee" that Egypt will not be able to deny access to the Canal by force.

The paper said that international operation of the installations, as proposed by U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, would not be sufficient to ensure freedom of navigation in the face of Egyptian guns. It cited Egypt's action in banning Israel shipping in defiance of the Constantinople Convention and the U.N. in support of its advocacy of full world control of this "great international public utility."

Proof of Sincerity

As proof of its sincerity and non-imperialist motives, the "Observer" said, the West should consider extending the form of international control proposed for Suez to similar international waterways and other common interests. Britain's aim at this conference, and at any subsequent ones, must be to persuade the Asian participants, and if possible even the Russians, that international cooperation is required, "not to humiliate Egypt or restore Western imperialism, but to ensure confidence and recognition of the truly international character of the Canal's purpose," the paper added.

The weekly ruled out India's proposal to the conference—that the Canal remain under full Egyptian control, with the world having only the right to appeal against the Egyptian authority — on the grounds that it is wrong for any country to treat an international public utility as a national resource merely "because it lies within its sovereign territory." It is wrong "not in law, but in political and economic common sense," the paper commented.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," today declared that Western proposals for the internationalization of the Canal contradicted the principles of the U.N. and the standards of international law.

In a leading article, the paper said that attempts to link the question of Egyptian nationalization, "an internal affair of the Egyptian state," with the freedom of navigation through the waterway "must be absolutely rejected." Nationalisation cannot even be discussed, still less revised, by an international conference, while the freedom of navigation must be based "on respect for Egypt's sovereign rights and non-interference in Egyptian domestic affairs."

Supports Sovereignty

The representatives of some governments have put forward in London a plan for the Canal to be operated not by Egypt, but by other powers acting "behind the facade of international authority." The Soviet Union cannot agree to part of Egypt's territory being regarded as land over which Egypt has no sovereign rights, the paper said.

A Moscow Radio broadcast in English stated that any new agreement on the operation of the Canal should stipulate the inviolability of the Canal Zone, and that all signatories obligate themselves to prevent any military action in its vicinity. Such an agreement should be arrived at peacefully by negotiations, as required by the U.N. Charter, and should take into consideration Egypt's rights as the owner of the Canal, as well as its availability and safety as an important international waterway.

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, received in his office yesterday Dr. and Mrs. James G. McDonald. In the afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. McDonald were entertained to tea at the home of Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K., and Mrs. Sharett. They later attended the Jerusalem Mayor's garden party.

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Mr. J.N. Rogoff and Mr. Jesse Safir, both of New York, visited the Jewish Agency yesterday and were received by Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary-General.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg (Mrs. Pauline Nelson, the poetess) were guests of the Anti-TB League of Israel at the Home of Dr. R. Katznelson, Jerusalem. Among the guests were Dr. Z. Awigdori, President of the Israel Medical Association, and Mrs. Awigdori, and Mr. and Mrs. Marc Lavry.

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At a meeting of the Haifa Branch of the Association of University Women yesterday, Dr. Eva Brandt-Leskien spoke on her experiences during a year's study in the U.S. on a grant from the American University Women's Association.

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Dr. Stanley Sarnoff, Chief of the Laboratory of Cardiovascular Hemodynamics, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, will lecture on "Mechanisms in Hypertensive Lung Edema: Experimental Studies and Clinical Observations using Peripheral Vasodilation as the Active Therapeutic Principle," under the joint auspices of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, the Israel Medical Association and the Hadassah Medical Organization, at the Medical School, today, at 8 p.m.

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Mr. Shalom Zysman, President of the Ramat Gan Rotary Club, will speak on "Security" at the Kishon Rotary Club, 38 Sderot Hashoftim, Kiryat Motzkin, at 1.30 p.m. today.

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Mr. Z. Grodzienski, General Manager of Cargal Company, Bne Brak, has left for Europe on the company's export business.

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BIRTH

GREENFIELD — To Hana, (née Lustig), and Murray Greenfield, on August 16 — a son, brother to Meira.

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EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Shimon and Abel Agranat and their families express their gratitude for the many messages and visits of condolences on the passing away of their beloved mother.

More Military Goods Produced Here

The local production of military supplies has considerably increased, it is stated in a survey on the Israel Defence Army published in the Government Year Book 5717. Preference was given to Israel firms in placing orders, the survey points out, but quality was the overriding consideration. The Year Book is to appear on the Eve of Rosh Hashana, September 5.

BABY FOUND DEAD

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — An eight-month-old baby, Rahel Peretz, of Moshav Saphia near Gedera, strangled herself in her cot today. Her parents found her dead with her head between the bars.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

EDISON: Miracle in the Rain.
EDEN: Deep in my Heart.
ARNON: Svengali, 2nd week.
ORION: Land of the Pharaohs, 2nd week.
ORGIL: Bullet for Joey.
ORNA: The Eternal Sea.
STUDIO: The Paradine Case.
ZION HALL: "I Jours a Paris."
BON: The End of the Affair, 2nd week.
SEMADAR: The Rose Tattoo, 3rd week.
TEL OR: The Iron Glove.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: The Comanche.
ARMON DAVID: "J'Avais 7 Filles," 3rd week.
CHEN: The Desperate Hours, 2nd week.
DAVIDKA: Last Hunt.
EDEN: "Lahalifa," 2nd week.
METZ'ALON: "L'Angelo Bianco," 3rd week.
MOGRABI: House of Bamboo.
OPHIR: "Cette Sacree Gamine," 2nd week.
ORION: Indiana Fighter.
SHDEROTH: The Steel Helmet, 2nd week.
TCHELET: Picnic, 22nd week.
TAMAR: Ben-Gurion vs. Namer, 3rd week.
YABON: "L'Ove Di Napoli."
ZAHIR: Love for 3 Females, 3rd week.

HAIFA

PERI: Last Command.
GIL OR: "Medgee en Tete." Matinee: Captain China.
AMPHITHEATRE: 29 Paras to Baker Street.
OHAH: "Si Tous Les Gars Du Monde..." 2nd week.
ARMON: "La Cortigiana di Babilonia."
EN DOR: Powder River.
ODIV: Ben-Gurion vs. Nasser, 2nd week. Matinee: Christopher Columbus.
MORIAH: The Man Between.
ORION: The Kidnappers, 2nd week.
ATZMON: Golden Dennis.

Russia Clears Yiddish Authors

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Dr. Chaim Shoskes, editor of the Yiddish daily, "Day-Morning Journal," said yesterday that the Soviet Union has rehabilitated a number of Yiddish writers who were arrested during the Stalin era. Dr. Shoskes recently returned from a visit to Russia.

Among the group is Solomon Lozovsky, former Deputy Foreign Minister and Soviet Government's chief spokesman during World War II. Lozovsky was arrested in 1949 on trumped-up charges of plotting against Stalin, and disappeared mysteriously along with a group of Yiddish writers, Dr. Shoskes said.

All the victims have now been cleared and "proper amends" made to their families.

Observers noted that the rehabilitation of the Jewish writers coincides with the news that publication of Yiddish language books and newspapers will soon be resumed in Russia.

According to reports from Warsaw to "Freiheit," the Yiddish daily, Moshe Broderson, the noted Yiddish poet, released from a Siberian labour camp last year, died on Friday at the age of 66. Broderson, who was permitted to leave the Soviet Union for Poland a month ago, had been detained in Siberia since 1948.

15 Industrial Managers To Study in U.S.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A group of fifteen Israel industrial managers is scheduled to leave early in November for the U.S. to make a six-weeks study of industrial management in American industries, it was announced jointly today by Mr. Theodore Kollek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, and Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, Director of the U.S. Operations Mission.

The U.S. study is a phase of the management training programme of the Israel Government and USOM which was inaugurated recently with seminars for top management leaders in the country. This is part of a series of training programmes in the industrial field. Labour teams, productivity teams and special industrial groups in ceramics, will form the industrial training programme.

Representing the Advisory Committee, which has been concerned with the development management training programme during the past year, were Mr. Kollek, Dr. Hale, Mr. Ralph Goldman, Director of Technical Assistance in the Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Rami Taiber, Director of the Industrial Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. D. Moushine of the Productivity Institute, Mr. Tabb of the Technion in Haifa, Mr. A. Gilat of the Histadrut, Mr. E. L. Manthey, Chief of the USOM Industrial Division, and Mr. William J. Fradenburg, Training Officer of the USOM.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** —

Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Offices Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Exhibitions:**—

Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Temporary: New finds from the excavations at Beit Shedrim and Ma'ayan Baruch and recent excavations including Ginossar. 9-1, 3-5.

1) Etchings by Rembrandt and his Contemporaries from the Museum's Collection. 2) Drawings by Italian, French and Dutch masters of the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries (new acquisitions). Exhibit of the Month: A Miniature by Richard Cosway (1742-1821). Portrait of the Duchess of Leinster. Gift of Mr. Jack Linsky, New York. Besalel. 9-1, 3-6.

Conquest of the Desert, Permanent Exhibition. Daily from 10-1, 4-6. On Friday from 10-1 only. The exhibition is closed on Shabbat.

Arts and Crafts Exhibition on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Besalel School of Arts and Crafts. 10-1, 4-6.

1) Paintings by Dr. Rivka Ashbel. 2) Water colours and gouaches by Kurt Dubion. 3) Water colours and gouaches by Nathaniel Jacobson of Boston, U.S.A. 4) Jerusalem Artists Gallery. 5) Handicrafts Exhibit. Artists House. 10-1, 4-7.

• **Film Shows:** —

Israel Films — Kerem Havesod

• **Tours:** —

Hebrew University conducted tour. Terra Sancta Building, Room 27a, 10 a.m.

• **Concert:** —

Police Orchestra, conducted by Mr. N. Gribov, under auspices of Jerusalem Municipality's Department of Culture and Education. Municipal Garden, King George Avenue, 6 p.m. Entrance free.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music. Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd. Air conditioned.

• **Exhibition:** —

1) Paintings and drawings by Rita de Leeuw and Anna Newmann. 2) Archaeological findings from Hazor. 3) Paintings and Drawings by the Brazilian painter Candido Portinari. 4) "American Industrial Art." 5) Paintings by Moshe Pruppes. Museum 10-1, 4-7.

• **Jazz Club:** —

Z.O.A. House, 7.30 p.m.

• **Theatre:** —

Ohel, "The Prince and the Pauper," 4 p.m.
Cameri, "He Walked Through the Fields." New Cameri Hall, 8.30.

HULATA

• **Theatre:**

Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," 8.30.

GIVAT ALIYA

• **Theatre:** —

Do-Re-Mi, "Oh My Papa," Gal Ram, 8.30.

Negev Jottings

By H. BEN-ADI

Two Leyland Tiger buses destined for Beersheba have arrived in Haifa Port and are being refitted. It is hoped that when the Tigers are put in service in two months, Beershebans will turn into tambs, no longer having to fight their way into packed buses by tooth and claw.

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The Beersheba Municipality plans to build a swimming pool next year at a cost of IL100,000. It is hoped that the Municipality will not follow the example of HIAS, who built a swimming pool a whole year ago, but never put it to use, except for the benefit of press photographers.

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Beersheba residents who played host to soldiers last week have received thank-you letters for their hospitality. The soldiers said that they were looking forward to their next visit, but they hoped that their soccer team would not be trounced again by the Beershebans.

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Scores of 10-and 12-flat apartment houses are being put up in Beersheba by the Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour. Not one of these buildings has been provided with an air raid shelter, despite the law to that effect. Only the Agricultural Centre and a privately erected house have shelters. Economy is the reason given by the Housing Department for not building the shelters.

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The Eilat fish meal factory set up four years ago by Hamashbir Hamerkazi, and which was never used, is now being sold to Even Vasid, who will use the building for cutting and polishing granite.

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Kibbutz Masharei Sadeh, 36 kms. south of Beersheba, has started to harvest its 40 dunams of olive groves. This is the southernmost point in Israel in which olives are grown successfully.

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The IL500,000 cut in the budget of the Ministry of Posts has affected Beersheba directly, forcing the cancellation of plans for a central telephone exchange. All the necessary technical equipment for the exchange is in this country, authoritative sources report, and only the funds for the building to house it are lacking. The present exchange has no more free numbers, and hundreds of applications for telephones have had to be turned down by the Post Office.

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Dr. Y. Lehman, Director of the Beersheba Haim Yassky Hadassah Hospital, has received a Hadassah scholarship for a month's study in the U.S. Dr. Lehman has done outstanding medical pioneering work in Beersheba under the most difficult circumstances.

'Dead' Woman Comes Back to Life

MELBOURNE, Sunday (Reuter). — A woman laid out at Melbourne mortuary last night, is walking about again today because a keen-eyed policeman saw her eyelid flicker as she was about to be put "on ice."

Mrs. Sheila Baulch, 45, fell and struck her head while waiting for a tram in Pascoe Vale, a Melbourne suburb.

A doctor at the Royal Melbourne Hospital pronounced her dead. She was taken to the mortuary and was being placed in a freezing chamber when a police officer thought he saw her eyelid flickering.

Closer examination showed her face muscles twitching and her pulse normal. She was rushed back to hospital, struggling to sit up in the ambulance.

A further examination revealed no serious injuries, and after being kept under observation for an hour she was allowed to leave.

Suspected of Cheating Excise Authorities

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Customs Authorities today announced that the owners of a well-known wholesale spirits firm in Tel Aviv have been detained while alleged excise offences are being investigated. The names of the owners were not released.

According to the police report, customs men found several hundred bottles of cognac in the store on which the owners had not paid excise dues.

Police say they also found a large number of excise banderoles, which it is an offence to possess. The customs men believe that the banderoles had been taken off bottles of spirit, to be used again on other bottles, thus evading the payment of excise taxes.

Document Exposes Nasser's Policy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The true nature of Egypt's concept of international obligations is forcefully exposed in a pamphlet just issued by the Information Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Entitled "Egypt and the Suez Canal 1948-1956, A Record of Lawlessness," the pamphlet demonstrates in detail and with complete documentation the full story of Egypt's defiance of the Constantinople Convention, the Armistice Agreement, and the Security Council's Resolution of September, 1951.

This 20-page indictment of Egypt's arbitrary blockade is intended to serve as an eye-opener to the delegates at present assembled in London.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 240, 33.3 & 48.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 4.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic. **Programme** (including News): 8.00 a.m. 2.15 and 6.00 p.m. **Turkish News:** 11.30 a.m. 6.30 a.m. Service. 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon": Patachou (Vocalist). 12.30 "From the Concert Hall: Borodin: Overture "Prince Igor"; Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, op. 18 (with the Composer at the Piano); Messager: "Les deux Pigeons" — Ballet Suite (Conductor: Richard Blareau). 1.50 Light Notes (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.02 p.m. Youth Corner. 4.30 Children's Corner. 4.45 "A Song with a smile." 5.15 Torah Lesson, by Dr. N. Leibowitz. 5.35 Original Tunes. 7.15 "We Present Tonight." 7.18 "Ron-Ami." 7.40 Wells of Work. 8.00 "The Unknown Haydn," presented by the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal. Soloists: Isaiah Braker (Violin), Arieh Sachs (Harpsichord): 1) Scherzando in G; 2) Viennese Court Minuets; 3) Concerto for Violin, Harpsichord and String Orchestra. 8.40 Jewish Legends. 8.55 Bible Reading: Nehemia Chaps. 5 &6. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Curtain Up. 10.30 Famous Opera Selections: Italo Tajo (Bass). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
467, 463, 235, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.00 p.m. **French News:** 2.03 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 43.9 & 480 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Ulpanim. 6.00 Classical Music (R). 7.00 Ladino. 7.50 French. 8.00 Yiddish. 8.45 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.00 Interval. 9.30 Rumanian. 9.45 Hungarian. 10.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (34.8 M.): Programme to South Africa. 8.00 News. 8.10 Newsreel. 8.20 The Kol Zion Choir. 8.30 Yiddish Programme.

Programme to U.K.: 12.15 News. 12.25 Newsreel. 12.35 The Kol Zion Choir. 12.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation, by Judah Shuval.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 and 228 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.32 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 Wee'ly Symphony Concert. Works by Schubert, Handel & Mozart. 8.0 "Projector" — What's going on in Z.H.L. 8.15 Light Music. 8.30 "Call Up" — by Galei Zahal Reporters. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCAST: (16.79, 19.62, 16.96 and 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 News. News Talk. Echoes from the World.

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Wed., Aug. 22, Ramat Gan Rama, 8.45 p.m.

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UNESCO Official Says Israel's Progress Exceeds Expectations

By EPHRAIM AVITAMAR

"Israel's progress in the eight years of her existence surpasses our most optimistic expectations," Prof. O. Secco Ellauri, Vice-President of the UNESCO Executive, says with modest sincerity. He has a right to pass judgment, because he was one of the men who helped establish the State of Israel as Alternate Delegate of Uruguay to UNSCOP, the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine in 1947.

When Prof. Ellauri was called away early that year from his job of teaching Ancient History at the Montevideo College for Secondary School Teachers, he had no preconceived opinion on the Jewish-Arab issue. What he did possess was a profound understanding of the history of the Mediterranean and the Near East which allowed him to view the issues presented to UNSCOP with greater historical detachment and less emotion than some of his colleagues.

But when Prof. Ellauri left this country with UNSCOP for the Committee's final deliberations in quiet Geneva away from tense Palestine, he did so as an ardent friend of Zionism and advocate of the Jewish cause. This newly found sympathy led Prof. Ellauri to work for closer relations between his country and Israel, culminating in the establishment a month ago of the Uruguay-Israel Institute for Cultural Interchange in Montevidéo of which he has accepted the Vice-Presidency.

Now revisiting the country as the guest of the Israel Government, Prof. Ellauri is justly proud that he and the Chief of his delegation, Prof. Enrique Fabregat, were not swayed by considerations of political expediency which had been advanced by various opponents of the Zionist cause.

Natural Epilogue

"The State of Israel," he says, "is the natural epilogue of a people's struggle for the reconquest of its nationhood."

Accompanied by senior officials of the Foreign Ministry, Prof. Ellauri has visited Tiberias, Ein Gev, Acre, Sdom and Beersheba, and is now preparing to tour Upper Galilee. Everywhere, he says, he was gratified to see "the reinvigorating verdure of the reborn landscape."

Time has not stood still for Prof. Ellauri. Soon after his return to his country from service with UNSCOP, he became Minister of Education, an office which he held until 1951. An Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1949, he recalls with pleasure that he received the letters of credence of Israel's first Minister, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur.

As Vice-President of the UNESCO Executive, he now follows his ideal — to foster and encourage cultural collaboration between the nations of the world. His particular field of activity, ancient history, affords a key to the understanding of many of the world's problems. He believes that if nations study their past, they can draw valuable lessons for the future.

THE GOVERNMENT Tourist Corporation has withdrawn from the Shemesh Restaurant on Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem, the right to use the special tourist emblem given to restaurants recommended to tourists.

Zionist Medallion Bought in London

By JOSEF FRAENKEL

After some keen bidding, a gold Congress Medal has been purchased at Christie's, London, for the Jewish Agency by Mr. Isaac J. Miller.

Designed by the Jewish sculptor, Friedrich Beer, at Herzl's request, on the occasion of the Second Zionist Congress in 1898, the medal, generally of copper, was obtainable at the Basle Congress Bureau for 10 francs, the profit from sales going to Zionist funds. Some medallions of copper, but none of gold, had previously found their way to the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem.

One side of the medal portrays a Jewish family, tired of wandering, resting by a spring in the shade of a tree. Zionism is represented by a figure with arm outstretched, pointing the way to Zion. On the reverse is the Hebrew quotation:

I will take the children of Israel from among the nations And I will bring them unto their own land (Ezekiel 37:21).

Friedrich Beer (born Brno 1346 — died Florence 1912) played an important role in Herzl's life. Herzl met him in Paris when he was there as correspondent of the "Neue Freie Presse," and they became close friends.

In October, 1894, when the sculptor was finishing a bust of Herzl, their conversation turned to the Jewish question. The discussion inspired Herzl to such an extent that in the three weeks which followed — "weeks of stimulation and work" — he wrote his first Jewish play, in four acts, "The New Ghetto." "The Jewish State" came after that.

Talent for Modelling

As a child in Brno, Friedrich Beer had already shown a talent for modelling. He went to Vienna at the age of 15, at first attending a school of commercial art but later the Academy of Fine Arts. From Vienna he went to Rome where he produced his first outstanding success, the "Tegetthoff" bust, acquired for Kaiser Franz Josef. After moving to Paris (1875) he at last achieved international fame. His busts of Columbus, Duerer, Munkacsy and others were bought by museums all over the world, and his Washington Irving monument was erected in Central Park, New York.

Beer was one of Herzl's first supporters. He was aflame with the Zionist idea and in raptures about Palestine. He drew up plans to turn this arid and neglected land into one that was flourishing green, once again. Humus must be brought "from Africa to Palestine" and trees planted, he declared.

He was frequently elected as delegate to Zionist Congresses.

At the Sixth Congress (Basle, 1903) his well-known statue, "Shema Israel," symbolising the martyrdom of the Jewish people, was exhibited.

Tel Ganim Gains Fifth Victory

Tel Ganim rallied in the late innings of their ball game with Bet Herut on Saturday to pull the contest out of the fire and continue towards their fifth consecutive League victory. Bet Herut led 7-5 going into the sixth inning but three runs in the sixth and four in the seventh inning gave Tel Ganim a 12-7 win.

Lou Verdon, the Tel Ganim pitcher, suffered from wildness. He gave up four straight walks in the fourth inning and was removed in favour of Harry Axelrod, who was the winning pitcher. Hankin, who went all the way for Bet Herut, was tagged with the loss. Ronnie Suddath slammed a second inning home run for the winners.

In the first game of the twin bill played at the Jaffa Maccabi Stadium, the American Embassy won its first League game by routing Timorim, 27-8. Every Embassy player collected at least one hit and Brian and Brumby hit safely every time they were up to bat.

The big inning came in the second, when the Embassy batted around twice and brought 13 markers across the home plate. This put the score at 14-1 and from there on it was easy for the winning team. The winning pitcher was Benson and the loser was Eisenberg.

In the only League game scheduled for next Saturday, the American Embassy plays against Gesher Haziv Hapoel in Nahariya. Tel Ganim is on top of the League with five wins, no defeats. Bet Herut, second, with two wins and two losses. The Embassy and Timorim are tied for third place with identical 1-3 records. Gesher Haziv is in the cellar having lost their only League game. *(M.C.)*

Hungarian Priests Swear Loyalty

VIENNA, Sunday (Reuter). — One-hundred new Catholic priests swore the oath of loyalty to the state in Hungary today, according to a Budapest Radio report heard here.

Archbishop Josef Grosz, who was released from prison a few months ago, attended the ceremony, the Radio added.

The Archbishop was sentenced in 1951 to 15 years in prison on charges of plotting the overthrow of the state. The Government pardoned him last May, and it has been reported that he had been allowed to resume his functions as a senior Hungarian archbishop.

CATTLE CONFISCATED FROM KIBBUTZ

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Acting on information, police on Thursday searched Kibbutz Dvir in the northeastern Negev and confiscated and placed in quarantine 25 bulls allegedly smuggled into the country. Their value is estimated at IL6,000.

The secretary of the kibbutz claimed that the bulls were bought legally from a neighbouring Bedu, who has since been arrested. It is still forbidden for Jewish-owned farms to buy Beduin cattle, owing to prevalence of foot-and-mouth disease among their herds.

Russian Newsreels To Be Shown Here

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Israel moviegoers will soon see Russian and Polish newsreels, and Israel events are to be shown regularly on Russian and Polish screens following an exchange agreement concluded by the Geva newsreel company with Russia's Kinokhronika and Poland's Kronika Filmova film companies.

Mr. Israel Tarmu, Film Editor of Geva, said here on his arrival from Eastern Europe on Friday that the agreement had been signed between the companies during his recent stay in the Soviet and Polish capitals. Geva had filmed the Russia vs. Israel soccer match and the Israel parachutists in the recent Moscow contest.

Documentary films will also be exchanged.

Geva technicians have filmed the journey of immigrants from Warsaw to Haifa Port.

Outbreak of Sleeping Sickness in Japan

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — Doctors, nurses and drugs were rushed today to Hichi Prefecture, southern Japan, following an outbreak of encephalitis (Japanese sleeping sickness.)

Local health authorities issued an emergency warning and said that there was a possible danger of an epidemic. The authorities said that more than 40 cases of encephalitis had been reported, with three deaths, during the past 24 hours.

NATIONALISTS SINK CHINESE GUNBOAT

TAIPEI, Formosa, Sunday (UP). — A Nationalist Chinese naval patrol sank a Chinese gunboat and damaged another yesterday in a sea battle off the Chinese mainland coast, a military spokesman announced here.

The spokesman said that the two Nationalist patrol vessels returned safely to their base. He said one of the Communist warships was sunk nine minutes after the battle started and the other fled after receiving direct hits.

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4½% War Loan 54/59	95
4½% Gov Bds. (Israel)	99½
6% Res. Sterling "A"	92½
4½% Rez Israel (Current "B"	97½
Pal Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	93½
6% Loans ord sh (£)	109
Bearer Savings Cert.	85
A.P.B. Investm ord sh. "B"	104
Gisell ord. sh. "B"	240
Ellern's Ind. ord.	151
P.E.C. Inv. ord "B" 5.6	230
Iron Works, 5% ord sh.	72
Shell 6% debs. 56/66	94
Nir 6% Debs (Bearer)	91
5% pref. sh.	87½
Paas 6% debs. 60/66 red	78½
"Isra" 6% debs.	135
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5% deb. (£)	95
Mr. Pal Inv. ord. sh.	69½
Hassav 6% (ref. ord. sh. £)	87
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	309½
"A" ord. sh. red.	90
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (IL.10)	282½
4½% P.E.C. Debs. 57/64	103½*
	103½**
Makorot pref sh.	76½
4% ord. "B" sh.	105½
5-8% un. debs.	98
"Kardaseh" ord. "B"	307½
5% un. debs. 59/69	83½
Moller-Pac ord. sh. reg. ₤1	850
Pal. Brewery 8% un. sh	73½
Assis Bejerano "B" sh.	128½
"Teva" ord. sh. £)	104
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	111½
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	128
ord. sh. reg. (full div.)	195½
Pal. Cem. Tr. 8% debs	98

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TO RELIEVE PARENTS vacationing in Safad of having to care for their children, a children's home has been opened on the slopes of Mount Cana'an. The cost is IL7,000 to IL7,500 a day.

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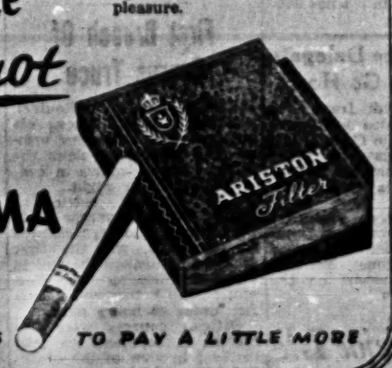
IT PAYS TO PAY A LITTLE MORE

TELMA
is happy to present the entry that was awarded first prize in the children's contest on the subject: TELMA ICE CREAM.

The translation:
(With apology to the author)
ON SABBATH WEEKDAYS—
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,
A FEW MINUTES BOY PLEASURES FEAR:
OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE PROCLAIM,
TELMA ICE CREAM'S RISE TO FAME
בשבת ובימות החול
טוב כאד ונם בזול
תלמה גלידה אוהבים
ילדים ונם גדולים
TELMA congratulates the winner of the first prize: AMNON FELDMANN, 11 years old, 17 Rehov Singer, Sabinia. Because of its childlike simplicity, preciseness and fulfilment of the contest's conditions, his entry was awarded first prize.

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	94	38	30	29
Tiberias	39	24	36	36
Haifa Port	41	26	30	29
Natanya	61	—	31	31
Tel Aviv Kirya	54	21	31	31
Tel Aviv Port	70	28	29	29
Lydda Airport	58	19	31	31
Jerusalem	44	17	29	29
Beersheba	30	16	34	34
Eilat	17	34	39	39

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Hary N. Thakur, Development commissioner of Bihar State in India, for a 10-day tour of Israel and its "town-to-country" movement; Miss Rita Blume, Assistant Executive Director of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; Mr. M. Kreiner, Director of HIAS in Israel, from an Executive meeting in the U.S. (by L.A.I.).

DEPARTURES

Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, Principal of the Technion, for 10 days in France and Belgium on behalf of the Institute (by El Al); Mr. Norman Gilmovsky, General Secretary of the United Jewish Appeal in New York, after a visit (by T.W.A.); Prof. A. Bonne, Dean of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences, for the First Conference of the International Economic Association.

THE MANAGER of the Yael Daroma taxi company in Tel Aviv, Mr. Yehuda Perlberg, has reported to Beersheba police that an employee of the firm's local branch, Gavriel Veil, has disappeared with IL400 of the firm's funds.

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ALL RESTRICTIONS on the transportation of livestock, imposed following the recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, will be lifted on Thursday, the Veterinary Services have announced.

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THE MINISTRY of Commerce spokesman yesterday denied rumours that it was planned to halt the sale of American meat on the free market.

CHILDREN COME DOWN WITH FOOD POISONING

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Six children aged between two and 10, of the Naim family, who live in the Gimmel quarter here, were taken to Hadassah Hospital today with food poisoning after reportedly having eaten tinned food.

The doctor who was called to examine them stopped a military vehicle, put the six youngsters into it and took them to the hospital. All are now reported out of danger.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM, HAIFA, HADERA AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Fish fillet, 200 gr., coup. 209. temporary 41. Physical labourers, 400 gr., 550 per kilo.

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Turkish beans, 300 gr., no coupon.

Mapai Tries for New Coalition in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Agron and members of the Mapai group in the Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday met with Progressive and WIZO members of the Council in the first stage of discussions on the possibility of setting up a new coalition. A meeting will be held today with members of the religious bloc and the one General Zionist member of the Council. (The religious bloc announced its withdrawal from the coalition last week after the Council had approved a building licence for an archaeological school where Reform services would be held. They have, however, remained in the Council Executive).

A religious bloc spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the official stand of his group towards a proposed Herut motion of non-confidence in Mr. Agron would be decided this week by the Executive Committee of Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrahi.

As to press reports that representatives of the religious bloc and the Progressive party on Friday discussed the formation of a new coalition with Mr. Daniel Auster as Mayor, Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen stated last night that no official meeting had taken place. Rabbi Cohen said that he met Mr. P. Jacoby, (Progressives) "by chance" on Friday and that they discussed this question "informally."

BOLL WEEVIL ATTACKS NEGEV COTTON FIELDS

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — One hundred dunams of cotton have been attacked by the boll weevil, it was reported today from Kibbutz Kissufim in the Western Negev. Spraying began immediately.

The cotton harvest in the Negev is to start at the beginning of next month.

N.Y. City Council Chairman Has Busy Day in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Abe Stark, Chairman of the New York City Council and member of the Board of Trustees of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, who arrived late last night with Mrs. Stark for a one-week visit, was a busy man today. He called on Mayor H. Levanon in the morning, toured the city and stopped at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert hall which is being erected near the Habimah theatre.

At the lunch given by Mayor Levanon at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, Mr. Stark extended an invitation on behalf of Mr. R. Wagner, Mayor of New York City, to be the guest of the American city.

Mr. Stark told the Press that he was very much impressed by what he had seen today. "I wish I could sit here with representatives of the Arab States and talk with them to persuade them how much they lose by not co-operating with the enormous cultural effort being made here," Mr. Stark said.

An idea had been forming in his mind, Mr. Stark said. This country could establish one or two medical schools in which foreign students, mainly from America, could come to study. There was a lack of doctors in the U.S., but many American boys had to travel to Europe because they could not enter American universities for lack of room.

A reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Stark by the American Fund for Israel Institutions at the Dan Hotel in the afternoon. The Mayor and Mrs. Levanon, the head of the U.S. Operations Mission and Mrs. Lincoln B. Hale, and the American Cultural Attache, Dr. T. McGrail, were among those present. (Visitors' Gallery — Page 4)

NEW STAMP

The eighth stamp of the new airmail set will go on sale at all post offices tomorrow. The stamp, designed by Mr. M. Hamori of Tel Aviv, shows the Hula Lake landscape with papyrus in the foreground. The stamp is brown and costs 750 pruta. The other seven stamps in the set cost 10, 70, 100, 150, 350, 500 and 1000 pruta.

Mapai Convention Report Issued

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The wheels were set moving today for the Mapai Convention next Sunday by the release to the Press of the party secretariat's report. This put an end to rumours that the convention might be postponed because of the Suez crisis.

The conference is scheduled to open in the Gan Rena open-air Cinema on Sunday night, and will continue in Habimah Hall for two days.

Mapai, the report indicates, has a registered membership of 154,000 and is the largest single party in the country. It is composed overwhelmingly of newcomers, having more than doubled its membership since 1949, when the last convention was held.

The increase has led to important structural changes. The centralized party organization, which prevailed for many years, has been discarded, and regional councils have been set up. The country has been divided into 13 districts and three "areas," the latter being Petah Tikva, Bnei Brak and Ramat Gan, and their respective suburbs.

The party's cultural services have also been reorganized in order to reach the new immigrant in his neighbourhood.

The party publishes newspapers in several languages.

The list of subjects dealt with in the report is most impressive in its variety. The 251 items include matters of national importance, such as the Reparations controversy; issues of a personal nature, for example, the case of Mr. Eliezer Livneh's house; and the question of financing the trip of a Hapoel team to an international competition.

Gibbons Back As Team Trainer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. A. H. "Jack" Gibbons was this evening reinstated as trainer and selector of the Israel National Football Team at a meeting of the Football Association. Judge Y. Lamm was in the chair.

It was decided to prolong Mr. Gibbons' contract for another month after it expires on August 28. When the new Football Association executive is elected on September 13, a new contract for Mr. Gibbons, who is from England, will be debated.

Mr. Gibbons agreed tonight to train the Israel team to participate in the finals of the Asian Championships in Hong Kong. He resigned the post last week, after it had been proposed that someone else should be team selector.

Will Consult

Mr. Gibbons will choose the team after consultation with the Hapoel and Maccabi personnel escorting the contingent to Hong Kong. The team is to play its first game on September 1 against Hong Kong. On September 5, Israel will meet Vietnam, and three days later will play another match.

It is understood that Judge Y. Lamm this evening supported the return of Mr. Gibbons as selector.

Mr. Eliezer Siegel, who was suggested as trainer in place of Mr. Gibbons, will travel to Hong Kong as assistant trainer.

Mr. Gibbons had been contracted for a year from August, 1955, to train and pick the national team. Recently, Maccabi and Betar representatives on the Football Association had objected to the British trainer, and had voted against his retention even for a month.

Hapoel representatives fully supported Mr. Gibbons. Judge Lamm had tried to compromise by suggesting Aluf-Mishne Sochar as selector of the national team, with Mr. Gibbons continuing as trainer.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gibbons had resigned, and the Defence Forces had refused to permit Aluf-Mishne Sochar to act as selector.

Athens Beats Israel In Basketball

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Israel Selected Basketball team lost its second game in Greece against Athens Selected by 79:68 on Friday night before 3,000 fans. The half-time score was 35:22 in favour of the home team. A day earlier, the Israel team beat a mixed Greek club team, 96:78.

Tonight, Israel is playing an international game against Greece.

Meanwhile in Ankara, the Israel Girl's Relay Team of Weinreich, Kraus, Adir and Silberman set up a new Israel record over 400 metres in a match against Turkey. They clocked 53 seconds, three-tenths of a second before the Turkish girls.

Trial of Two Fedayeen Ends; Judgment Expected Tomorrow

By ZVI HALMER

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Judgment will be announced on Tuesday in the case of the two fedayeen who were caught in the Lachish area four months ago after being wounded in an action with an Israel patrol. The trial of Suleiman Mahmoud Hamdan el Hamada and Sa'id Suleiman el Milat both 20, began last week before a three-man military court.

Summing up today, the prosecuting officer asked the Court to find the two accused guilty on all of four charges brought against them "although there was some doubt about whether they fired at the Israel patrol."

He said that the evidence of the Second Lieutenant in charge of the patrol should be accepted by the Court, and further, that the statements made to the police by the accused that they had fired at the Israel soldiers, should be preferred to the statements made in Court which denied the charge.

The other three charges which deal with the unauthorized possession of arms and explosives and belonging to an armed band, had been admitted by the prisoners themselves when giving evidence in Court, the prosecution stated. Although all four charges carry the death sentence as the maximum penalty, the military prosecuter did not ask the court to impose it on any of the counts.

Evidence Contradictory

Making his plea for the defence, Mr. Peretz Podjarski, advocate for the two Arabs, claimed that the evidence given by the commander of the Israel patrol was contradictory and unreliable. He said that no evidence had been brought forward to prove that the Arabs had fired on the Israelis, although he admitted that they had fired their Carl Gustav sub-machineguns during the fight with the Israel security forces.

Mr. Podjarsky asked that the two men be released on the other three charges against them. He endeavoured to prove that they could not have asked for permission to carry arms, as the prosecution had failed to prove that there was any competent authority in the area of the action whom they could have asked.

Today's proceedings were not translated to the prisoners, who sat throughout the court proceedings apparently without knowing what was going on. The room was stuffy, and several times Hamada closed his eyes and almost dropped off into a doze. The two became the centre of interest only at the end of the session, when the President of the Court asked the translator to tell them that judgment would be delivered on Tuesday.

MADELIN, FRENCH HISTORIAN DEAD

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The historian Lewis Madelin, a member of the French Academy, died last night at his Paris home aged 85.

Dr. Madelin was the author of works on Alsace and Lorraine and on the Napoleonic period of French history. When 34, he was a professor at Paris University. From 1924 to 1928, he was deputy of the Vosges Department.

SWISS OFFER FOR ASWAN REPORTED

A group of Swiss banks have offered to finance the construction of the Aswan Dam, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday. The offer, coming from neutral Switzerland, has no strings attached and is being studied carefully in Cairo, the agency said.

The same source also reported that Egyptian Press censorship, reimposed over the week-end, affected only news of a military character.

ONE LYDDA-EILAT FLIGHT DAILY

EILAT, Sunday. — Only one aircraft a day will ply between here and Lydda Airport instead of two, the Arkia Company announced today. The 9 a.m. flight from Lydda will remain in force, while the 2 p.m. flight will be resumed as soon as the difficulties, which are "beyond the company's control," have been overcome. *(Itim)*

THE PROGRESSIVE Party conference will be held next January, according to a decision taken by the Party Executive in Tel Aviv at the end of last week.

Vegetables Piled Up in Street

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Hundreds of crates of fresh vegetables which were piled up this morning at the entrance to the Agricultural centre in Allenby Road, after having been brought there from the market where they were not sold, were taken back to the market in the afternoon.

The crates belonged to Ginaton, near Lydda, and Kfar Hagur, near Kalkiliya, both *moshavim* from which Tnuva allegedly refused to accept the produce for marketing. From 5 a.m. on, members of the settlements unloaded the crates in Allenby Road, in protest.

The members claimed that Tnuva had recently sent them home with their produce, and last night told them that their vegetables were not up to standard. This they denied. They were selling the vegetables at well below the minimum price promised them by the Ministry of Agriculture. They said that they were selling tomatoes at 90 pruta a kilogram, green peppers at 90 pruta and egg plants at 60 pruta a kilogram.

The Ministry and the Jewish Agency had instructed the *moshavim* what and how to plant, promising that the vegetables would be marketed. But now Tnuva made all sorts of difficulties and refused to accept all their vegetables. Up to half their produce was wasted, some claimed.

Mr. Yitzhak Korn, Secretary of the Moshav Movement, received a delegation from these two *moshavim* this morning, and gave them a letter promising that the matter would be settled by Friday.

A Tnuva spokesman stated tonight that Tnuva would receive and market only vegetables that were up to standard.

Theatre Said Good Public Relations

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — In the view of the Israel Embassy in Paris, the Chamber Theatre's recent eight performances in the French capital have had a greater impact on the French public than any high-powered, expensive public relations campaign, Mr. Yosef Yadin, of the Chamber Theatre company, told the Press today.

Mr. Yadin, who organized the Chamber Theatre's visit to Paris as part of the International Theatre Festival there, said that the Israel company drew larger audiences than any other visiting troupe. Their performances were almost completely sold out and netted IL15,000.

Mr. Yadin attributed this success to the company's favourable advance publicity due to the efforts of a member of the staff of the "Le Figaro" newspaper, who had been hired as public relations officer. About 30 articles had appeared in the French Press, and several features had been produced on radio and television by the time the company arrived in Paris. The Israel Embassy too, had been exceedingly helpful, Mr. Yadin added.

The Chamber Theatre is now planning a more extensive tour in 1958 to include several European countries, Britain and the U.S.

STATTNER FIRED, CLAIMS BLACKLISTING

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — Mr. M. Stattner, of Haifa, whose testimony last week failed to convict four Haifa customs officers whom he had accused of theft, has been dismissed from his job with Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

He was taken on as a watchman a few weeks ago, but his services are now redundant, his employers stated, because the plant he was guarding has been taken out of use.

Mr. Stattner has sued the Haifa Labour Exchange for allegedly blacklisting him as an act of revenge.

Gases Hinder Mine Rescue Efforts

MARCINELLE, Belgium, Sunday (Reuter). — Rescue workers returned sad faced last night from an unsuccessful bid to reach the vital 1,023 metre deep level of Cazier pit where 169 miners have been trapped by fire for the past eleven days.

They said that the carbon monoxide content of the air in the 975 metre level gallery — door to their goal — was fatal. Fires were blazing there too. Further attempts to reach the deadly gallery a the bottom of the mine would take "some time," it was stated.

Cabinet ministers and trade union leaders will meet on Tuesday to discuss how workers' representatives could contribute towards the Government's efforts to strengthen safety measures in the mines.

The Executive Committee of the Catholic Party yesterday passed a resolution urging that boys under 18 should not be allowed to work in the mines. Thirteen teenagers were in the Cazier mine when the disaster struck.

Ship Said Unloaded In Rapid Time

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — A 10,000-ton American grain ship, Flora C., has been unloaded in just over 72 hours by the Dagon harbour silo, the company announced today. This is the first vessel whose contract stipulates an unloading rate of 3,000 tons per 24 hours, instead of 750 tons as hitherto.

Owing to the good speed reached, the grain importer — the Ministry of Commerce and Industry — will earn an additional $1,000 "dispatch money," according to the ship's agent, Mr. Aaron Rosenfeld, apart from up to $4 per ton saving on freight where rapid unloading facilities are provided.

Ruling in Divorce Case Postponed

A decision on the application of the Attorney General to the Jerusalem District Court to order the imprisonment of a Jerusalem man for refusing to give his wife a divorce in accordance with the ruling of a rabbinical court was postponed yesterday for two days.

The Jerusalem Rabbinical Court decided to compel Yitzhak Ya'acov Shlomo to divorce his wife, whom he married 23 years ago, but from whom he has been separated for the past ten years.

Shlomo refused, and when brought to Court yesterday, he claimed that his name was Shalom Ben-Moshe, and refused to answer the question of Judge B. Halevi whether he was married.

The Court ordered the Attorney General to prove that the man before him was the man against whom the rabbinical court judgment was issued. *(Itim)*

Cables in Brief

DIES. — Germana Hele Ortner, 60, the Austrian writer and dramatist, died suddenly on Saturday night following a heart attack during a Salzburg Festival performance of "Don Giovanni."

EARTHQUAKE. — A strong earth tremor destroyed parts of an old wall around the ancient town of San Giovanni Rotondo, in south-east Italy, on Saturday night. No one was hurt, but hundreds of inhabitants moved their beds into the streets and prepared to sleep out.

Children Get Toys In Kfar Mordechai

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR MORDECHAI, Sunday. — Shrieks of delight greeted a blue pedal car as it emerged from a crate crammed with toys in the kindergarten of this *moshav* today. Orange Teddy bears squeaked and tambourine bells jingled as the toys were unloaded before 20 eager children aged three to six.

The children of Kfar Mordechai which is the home primarily of immigrants from English-speaking countries were the first recipients of toys and other gifts donated by the Jewish Child's Day Organization in London.

The consignment included a small film projector, a gramophone, a radio, musical instruments for a children's orchestra, a garden swing, miniature red gardening tools, a rubber rocking horse, dolls and coloured pencils. The collection, which cost £120 in England, is worth about IL2,000 in this country.

The distribution is being handled by Mr. Eric Lucas, Assistant Director of the Israel Office of the Zionist Federation.

The next £150 consignment, expected in three months, will be distributed to the other agricultural settlements which have a large proportion of English-speaking settlers. Mr. Lucas said that the Zionist Federation had sent the first consignment to Kfar Mordechai because the five-year-old *moshav* had been through a difficult period of adjustment and they wanted to give the children a pleasant surprise.

RAPE SUSPECT SAID FIT FOR TRIAL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Chief Magistrate B. Giladi will announce on Tuesday whether or not Ben Zion Eliezer David will be tried for the alleged rape of a four-year-old girl in the "Shetah Hagadol" district of Jaffa two months ago. The final witnesses called by the prosecution were heard in the Magistrate's Court today.

Dr. A. Rabinowitz, of the Bat Yam Mental Hospital, said in evidence that there was no reason for the accused to be detained in the hospital where he had been under observation, and that he was fit to stand trial. *(Itim)*

Kishon Port Contract Up for Study

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Ministry of Transport is now considering whether to renew the Kishon Port concession held by the Kishon Port Services Limited, a partnership of the Bayside Land Corporation and the United Port Services company. The concession comes up for renewal next March.

The Ministry is to decide whether to continue letting the Kishon Port be run separately from Haifa Port by a private company, or whether to integrate it with the main harbour. The Kishon company's concession assures it of an annual turnover of 80,000 tons.

It will be recalled that the concession was originally granted to the Bayside Land Corporation, but through a series of strikes and disputes backed by the Labour Council, the United Port Services company was given a 50 per cent partnership. The joint company has operated to the satisfaction of agents and merchants.

4 Strikes Approved In Haifa Area

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Labour Council this morning authorized four strikes in the Haifa area.

The 600 non-member Egged employees are to strike on August 27, unless Egged agrees to pay them the increased Cost-of-Living allowance by next Friday. The Council warned that if the strike is called, the employees would not return to work before their demands for a wage rise, in accordance with the Histadrut's wage policy, are also met.

Strikes were also approved at:

The Ya'na noodle factory in Rehov Yaffo, where the 11 employees are protesting against the postponement of wage payments; failure of the management to pay its share of social insurance contributions, and its refusal to deduct Histadrut dues from wages.

In the offices of all Haifa customs and travel agents, following the break-down of negotiations with the agents' union. The union rejected a draft agreement for terms of employment that had already been worked out, according to representatives of the employees.

At the Assam Kar cold storage plant in Rehov Hanamal, where the 28 permanent employees (as well as day labourers) are protesting against the management's refusal to sign a new labour contract.

CRATE FACTORY STRIKE CALLED OFF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The strike at the vegetable crate factory here has been called off as a result of the intervention of Mr. S. Avigdori, the Town Clerk, on Friday.

Mr. Avigdori suggested a temporary compromise by which the management agreed not to fire workers, and the local branch of the Histadrut Trades Union Department agreed that wages should remain at their present level.

Both sides accepted the suggestion on condition that an arbitration committee is appointed within ten days on which the management of the factory, the Trades Union branch and the Municipality will be represented.

Boy Killed, Another Hurt, by Rolling Car

HAIFA, Sunday. — Avraham Kuriat, 15, of the Gil Am *ma'bara* near Kfar Ata, was killed, and Pinhas Sauwi, 12, was seriously injured, when they were run over by a driverless lorry which rolled downhill in reverse and crashed in a wadi at the *ma'bara* this morning. Both boys were taken to Rambam Hospital. The lorry had been parked on a slope.

It has not yet been ascertained whether or not the boys were responsible for the accident. The driver has been detained for questioning.

Eartha Kitt Here

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Although it was nearly 2 a.m., a large number of enthusiastic photographers and newspapermen greeted Miss Eartha Kitt, the American singer, on her arrival by T.W.A. from Paris.

Miss Kitt will spend a holiday here, but will also appear on five nights (twice nightly) at the Ziratron in Ramat Gan. Her first programme will be on Wednesday.

Wearing a lemon-coloured dress Miss Kitt stepped from the aircraft carrying a fur coat which she explained she had needed in Europe. She said that she had been looking forward to her visit here, and particularly wished to see Jerusalem.

Her welcomers suddenly began singing "*Hevinu Shalom Aleichem*". Miss Kitt wrote down the words and soon joined in the singing. After this short and lively interlude, unusual at that hour at the Airport, Miss Kitt left with her impresario, Mrs. Sonia Zylberlast, for the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv. *(Itim)*

FIRE TEARS THROUGH PAPER GOODS PLANT

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Damage estimated at IL10,000 was caused tonight by a fire at the paper goods factory owned by Meir Halperin in Rehov Salameh.

Garden Party Held in Capital For Nearly 400 Tourists, Visitors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Flowers, music and dancing distinguished a late afternoon garden party given yesterday for some 400 tourists and visitors to the capital at the Rose Garden in Jerusalem's Talbieh quarter. They were the guests of Mayor and Mrs. Agron and the Tourist Corporation.

The guests, among them 150 tourists from abroad, sat around tables or stood on the garden's neat stone terraces to watch a performance of folk songs and dances by the B'nai Yerushalayim dance group and the Admoni family, who are Yemenites. The latter consisted of Mr. Moshe Admoni, who beat on oil can as accompaniment to his songs, and his two young sons who performed Yemenite dances with their sidelocks flying in the wind.

Baskets of grapes were served by young girls, daughters of members of the Jerusalem WIZO branch.

Welcoming the guests in Hebrew and English, Mr. Agron said that the three-year project to plant a million trees in the capital would "turn Jerusalem the Golden into Jerusalem the Green."

Hebrew folk tunes and selections from American operettas were played during the interval by the Police Band.

SUMMER SALES in the shops and stores affiliated to the General Merchants Federation will come to an end on Tuesday, August 28.

Funeral Held Of Magistrate Even-Tov

Magistrate Meir Even-Tov, who died in Jerusalem on Saturday night after a prolonged illness, was buried yesterday. Among those present at the funeral were the Minister of Justice, the Attorney General, and the Director of Courts Administration.

Magistrate Even-Tov died in the Radiology Department of Hadassah Hospital. He was eulogized by Rabbi A. Chen and, on behalf of the Municipal Council, by Mr. A. Arest. He is survived by his wife Hannah and a son and daughter, both married.

The deceased came to Palestine from Russia in 1924 as one of a group of Zionists who were to have been exiled to Siberia, but instead were permitted to leave the country. He worked for the Va'ad Hakehilot of the Va'ad Leumi with Miss Henrietta Szold. After completing his law studies, he opened an office in Jerusalem. He was active in the Bar Association and in the Histadrut Court of Honour. Before he was assigned to the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, he was a magistrate of the Southern circuit. *(Itim)*

Charges Inventions Being Ignored

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Alexander Zarhin, the electro-chemical engineer whose invention of a freezing process for the desalting of brackish water was recently taken up by the Israel Research Council for pilot plant trials, with a IL150,000 investment by the Development Ministry, has complained that two other inventions of his were being pigeon-holed.

The Chairman of the Israel Inventors' Association, Mr. Ya'acov Perlson, claimed at a Press conference here this evening that Mr. Zarhin had devised a method for extracting oil from bitumen with a yield of 25 per cent, and a heat process for the production of magnesium from Dead Sea water.

He also reproached the Research Council for delaying their support of the invention until they had checked it with similar work undertaken at an American University. The Ministry of Development had put Mr. Zarhin on their payroll 10 months ago, but had not given him any work to do, Mr. Perlson declared.

Mr. Zarhin himself did not attend the press conference because, he claimed, his Civil Service status prevented him from doing so.

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THE banning of the Communist Party in West Germany will add a new and possibly fatal complication to the problem of German reunification: it is hard to conceive of the merger of two States of which one is ruled by a party which is illegal in the other. Even day-to-day relations between the two German States, which have lately become somewhat relaxed, will again have to overcome more obstacles. There may also be consequences in the West German relations with the Soviet Union and, more particularly, in the Soviet attitude towards West Germany.

GERMAN COMMUNIST BAN

The biggest question mark is the ban's effect on the developing political climate of West Germany. There is no hopeful tradition of freedom of thought there today, for it is now just about a quarter of a century since the Nazis abolished freedom of thought and speech. There is little freedom of political life in general when one particular creed and idea is declared illegal and lays its advocates open to imprisonment.

To the extent that the frontier between Communism and left-wing Socialism is fluid, it may be said that the West German left has now acquired, as it were, an open frontier to illegality, and the easily made reproach of "fellow-travelling" or "crypto-Communism" will begin to imply a serious threat to personal liberty. Certainly Western Germany has, politically, moved a step nearer to States like Spain or Portugal, where political freedom is subordinated to State ideology.

The banning of the Communist Party was proposed by the West German Government as early as November, 1951, but left to drag on for three years. Then until July, 1955, the case was argued by an army of lawyers and political experts on both sides and often threatened to become a semi-philosophical disputation on the implications of Marxism, and the meaning of democracy and political liberty.

The Constitutional Court then took 13 months to consider its verdict that the Communist Party is unconstitutional owing to the basic Marxist doctrine of a proletarian revolution leading to a dictatorship of the proletariat, which, it is argued, is incompatible with democracy and that it is to be dissolved. It is forbidden to create substitute organizations or to continue existing organizations at any time. The assets of the party are to be confiscated. The Ministers of the Interior of the various States are charged with carrying out the sentence of dissolution, the Federal Minister of the Interior that of the confiscation of assets.

It is open to speculation whether the decision can be taken as an indication that Western Germany is increasingly identifying itself with the United States point of view rather than with that of its immediate neighbours, a tendency that has developed ever since the war. This has also come up in the Suez dilemma, where there is a clear divergence between Franco-British policy and American diplomacy. Hitherto, the principle of absolute solidarity with "the West" which is fundamental to Bonn foreign policy, has been simple and easy to apply. Now, for the first time, it no longer provides an automatic answer to the question of the day. Bonn must choose to which of its allies it wants to stick more closely — an awkward and dangerous choice.

Perhaps the most natural course in the circumstances would be to keep close to the U.S., especially as support for the more moderate and potentially mediatory line taken by the Americans would also seem the best way of avoiding conflict with Egypt, and Egyptian support for East Germany.

Cairo Press Good Pointer to Future Development

Egypt's Star Rising in Mid-East

By W. Z. LAQUEUR

THE motives of the Western diplomats and informants in Cairo in playing down Egyptian press comment to the extent of almost suppressing it, may be entirely praiseworthy: the correspondents do not want to create "a mistaken impression." But the results of this policy have been highly unfortunate. For, far from being "untypical," the shrill and violent diatribes of the Cairo Press reflect fairly accurately both the state of Egyptian public opinion and the aims of Nasserism.

The Press is perhaps the most essential key to an understanding of events in the Middle East today. Those who have not yet realized this have been wrong, and will continue to be wrong in their overall appraisal of the character and the intentions of Egypt's government. Every new development will surprise and shock them anew.

It is tempting, with Nasser now riding the crest of the wave, to analyze the coming actions of the Egyptian movement on the basis of such Egyptian press revelations as: "No force in the world will now be able to stand in our way in our forward march." ("Al Ghumhuriya").

The emergence in Jordan and Syria of governments which will be both pro-Nasser and pro-Soviet seems to be a matter of weeks. Most Egyptian observers believe that the Jordan opposition, consisting of the National Socialists, the Ba'ath, and the National Front (i.e. the Communist Party), will win the October elections. Whether they will decide to keep King Hussein for the time being or get rid of him will by then be a matter of secondary importance.

It seems a foregone conclusion that Abdul Nasser's victories have also spelled the end of the Baghdad Pact. In the Iraqi capital, the leaders of the pro-Fascist group (Faiq al-Samara'i and Mohamad Mahdi Kobba) have now joined ranks with the pro-Communist opposition (Kamal Jadarji and Husayn Jamil, president of the Baghdad lawyers) and established a new party, the National Congress Party, which demands, of course, that Iraq should leave the Baghdad Pact at once. What Western papers ever reported these developments in Iraq, which can be mentioned here only in passing?

Uner the present conditions, the Iraqi Government will not dare suppress this united opposition, as it would have done three or five years ago. It seems to be only a matter of time, and perhaps not of much time, for the combined opposition to find enough sympathizers in the Army to carry out its *coup*.

In the new regimes likely to emerge in Jordan, Syria and Iraq, the Communist element will probably be far better represented than it ever was in Egypt. This may be the cause of some concern for the Cairo junta, which, however, will hardly be in a position to do much about it, for it cannot afford to be selective in the choice of its supporters.

Where does Israel fit into all these plans? I doubt whether the question rates high priority in the Cairo blueprints just now, and we may well remain at the bottom of the list of conquests. For an attack against Israel would remain a risky business for Egypt which would stand to gain little and possibly to lose much by it. Britain, it is believed in Cairo, will hardly fight for Aden (what is the point of fighting for Aden if she does not have Suez any longer?) the way Israel will fight for existence, and Abdul Nasser would like to be absolutely sure of success before attacking. There are admittedly so many and such strong emotions involved that everything may change overnight and an attack may be launched nevertheless. But just now the odds are against it.

Would it not be vastly preferable, as "Al Ghumhuriya" wrote the other day, to work with the help of the Soviet Union and some Asian countries for the destruction of Israel by all means short of war; to bring overwhelming pressure on her via the United Nations and by other means and to reduce her eventually to some insignificant tiny plot around Tel Aviv (all this in the words of the Egyptian paper just mentioned) which could be permitted to exist because she would endanger none?

The only difficulty is, of course, that Israel might somehow try to break out of these well-conceived schemes. Hence the recent "Izvestia" attacks against "bellicose" elements in Israel; hence also the friendly tenor of Hebrew transmissions of Cairo radio.

But Egypt, on her way to becoming a world power according to her press, cannot preoccupy herself with such "trifles" as Israel. The oil of Arabia remains the big prize and there are few doubts by now that Egypt will gain control of the fields of Saudia, Kuwait and the rest within the next two or three years. Some observers on both sides of the Atlantic have already become resigned to this. It is an inevitable process which cannot be stopped by military force, says the "Manchester Guardian"; "The West may have to pay more for its oil, but the great safeguard is that the Arab States must sell it in order to be prosperous."

This is eminently reasonable but it is based on the unrealistic assumption, which has always plagued liberal Anglo-American thinking, that the other side is mainly interested in making profits, in getting money for carrying out its various domestic projects. Unfortunately, the objectives of the other side are quite different.

It may be unwise to press this point too far at the present moment, but those Westerners who have not learned from the Egyptian Press will probably be persuaded by events in the not too distant future.

This is the last of three articles. The others appeared on August 17 and 19.

Readers' Letters

WATER WASTAGE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to your economic correspondent's article, in your issue of July 10, on the urgent measures necessary to cut waste of water, if you want to see what is a pure waste of water and money, please come to Moshav Emunim, Hof Ashdod.

I am a member of this new settlement, to which the Jewish Agency has from the very beginning supplied pipes in so bad a condition that water overflows everywhere, at the expense of the small community and debts which are accumulating at the *moshav*, which is not yet self-supporting.

To give you an example, only a few metres distance from my house, one might think one is living in the Huls swamps, and we are constantly harassed by mosquitoes, snakes, flies and rats.

For months now, I have been running from office to office to get at least a partial repair, but everywhere have been given promises only, and even the Ministry of Health does not care about the health of our children.

How can one be encouraged to stick to a *moshav* under such careless conditions? If nobody cares about the waste of money and precious water, perhaps public opinion can save our families from malaria and snakes.

Yours, etc. *RALPH LEVY*
Moshav Emunim, July 11.

(Copy of above letter was sent to the authorities concerned on July 15, but no reply has been received. — Ed.).

Straight Thinking As A Goal of Education

By GERDA LUFT

ASKED whether our cultural level can be kept up to the standard to which we have been used, Israelis either hesitate or express doubt, feeling that fashioning a nation out of remnants brought from exile will not only call for much effort but will lower cultural standards, at least temporarily.

This view reflects the lack of appreciation with which we have treated the valuable cultural heritage being brought us each time by new sections of the community. Russian Jewry contributed drive and a talent for improvisation; Central Europe scientific skill. We are only beginning to discover what contributions can be made by immigrants from Islamic countries. The traditions, talents and training of the various immigrant communities can, if cherished with care, add variety and richness to the content of life in this country.

In the past, we have treated this heritage with little respect. In the fight for establishing Hebrew, other languages were inevitably neglected. In the endeavour to foster an Israel style of life, valuable traditions were carelessly discarded or even suppressed.

Only now, when the reign of Hebrew has been securely established, people begin to wonder whether it was wise to deprive children of the chance to pick up a European language easily in their homes instead of imposing upon them the laborious task of learning it as adolescents. The problem is now faced once again by French-speaking immigrant families whose children forget the language too quickly. Moreover a knowledge of Arabic is valuable in our part of the world.

Language, however, is only one of the assets which parents can transmit to their children, enriching their knowledge and broadening their horizons. There are family traditions and tales to be handed on, varieties of taste and habit to be preserved, the pride of the children in their origin to be awakened.

There are a great many drawbacks to the drive to make Israel a "melting pot" kept as hot as possible in order to quicken the fusion of its contrasting contents. Preserving community traditions would not hinder our climate, our living conditions, our educational system or our common goals from fostering new traits among the young generation. But it would substitute variety and freedom of style and expression for the uniformity which is often looked upon as the goal of education in school and outside it.

Asked what the future elite will need most, the Israeli will quickly answer that it is patriotism, readiness for pioneering, and the best training we can give them. A socialist will in addition plead for his creed and an orthodox Jew for religious tradition. Are these educational goals sufficient? We might find the answer in one complaint by university professors, who feel that our secondary school graduate is often unable to put a case clearly and concisely, lacking the attributes of an orderly and disciplined mind which is able to make efficient use of printed material and sift the evidence at its disposal.

Double-Talk Danger

They complain in addition of a leaning to what has, since Orwell, been called "double-talk," words whose meaning is blurred or distorted. Such inadequate self-expression cannot but be expected as long as teachers, content with high-sounding phrases, do not insist on closely reasoned statements. This deficiency produces the same kind of lack of intellectual honesty which is purposely produced in totalitarian countries by such twisting of the meaning of words.

Double-talk creeps into public life by way of political treatises and speeches. Its spread can be checked by all those who are not affected by it and are aware of its perils. And only those will be safe from its dangers who have been taught the fundamentals of mental discipline, honest thinking, fearless analysis and a feeling for the satisfaction provided by the search for truth. Straight thinking is at least as important a goal of education as straight shooting.

This is the last of a series of articles. The others appeared on August 10, 12, 13, 15, 17 and 19.

Yesterday's Press

U.N.'s STANDING

LAMERHAV (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that U.N.'s systematic refusal to distinguish between aggression and defence and between cause and effect is no doubt at the root of the world institution's moral and political failure in the Middle East. If the Security Council took real and effective measures to thwart and punish the assailant and brought full force to bear upon the Arabs to honour their signatures to cease-fire agreements, the Secretary-General would have the full moral and formal right to ask Israel not to consider retaliation. Israel cannot forgo her right to react to Arab aggressiveness as long as the U.N. is unwilling or unable to restrain Arab aggression.

Haboker (General Zionist) writes that no one deludes himself into believing that retaliation is the solution to the basic problem, but it is the only means left when other means of convincing the other side have failed. At least, it ensures a respite or at least a breathing spell. It is true that after retaliation the position grows more complicated, and the Secretary-General and the Powers will do well to understand the gravity of the situation even in the midst of their preoccupation with the Suez issue.

Herut reverts to its time-honoured argument that the only solution is the annihilation of the enemy's attack bases and agrees with Mr. Hammarskjold's view that "retaliation is not defence," in view of the fact that the definition of defence has gone through various stages of distortion. The Secretary-General, writes the paper, would act precisely as Herut would have the Israel Government act if he were head of the Swedish Government under similar conditions.

It seems that Arab elements, writes Omer (Histadrut), are interested in putting the London Conference in the shade by increasing tension along the Israel borders, and Egypt will find a pretext for omitting Israel from the free navigation agreement on the Canal. Further, unrest on the borders will facilitate reestablishing unity among the Arab states.

It seems to be a "face-saving" conference, this get-together in London, writes Yediot Aharonot. Nasser's prestige must be saved so that he won't drop in the esteem of the Arabs; Eden's, so that it won't drop just on the eve of elections; Shepilov's, so that the Asian peoples will think no less of him; and Dulles's, whose reputation as a mediator is at stake. It seems that everyone is concerned with maintaining his name, everyone, that is, except Israel who seems to be the only nation whose prestige is being trampled down with impunity.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) feels that Arab publicity abroad has far outstripped ours even in countries where there was a definite pro-Israel leaning. This is an important part of our fight and should not be neglected. Not budgetary difficulties are to blame as has been claimed, but only lack of initiative and faulty organization, and this should be righted without fail.

Ha'aretz (non-party) observes that the expenditure of $100m. dollars more for purchasing merchant ships does not reflect our daring and ability but rather our failure in the sphere of industrial development. The argument that the Reparations Monies had to be exploited with despatch no longer holds, as it did three years ago, for in the meanwhile we had plenty of time to plan. The authorities have expended their energies in attempts to dodge the problems rather than solve them.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) disapproving of the Bus Co-operatives' rejection of the recommendation on fare increases, avers that a strike will not win over public opinion.

VISITORS' GALLERY

Abe Stark: 'Mr. Humanity'

HIS first visit to Israel by Mr. Abe Stark, President of the New York City Council, is part of a mission to study the financial, legislative and governmental institutions of Europe and Israel, and exchange information of mutual benefit. Mr. Stark is especially eager to study the new cultural and educational programme here, towards which the American Fund for Israel Institutions, on whose Board of Trustees he sits, is contributing.

The son of poor Russian immigrant parents, Mr. Stark became one of New York City's outstanding businessmen before dissociating himself from business in order to devote his full time to public affairs as New York City's Commissioner of Commerce in 1948 at a salary of $1.00 a year.

With his customary fervor, Mr. Stark, who has a reputation for getting things done, entered into dozens of civic, cultural and charitable projects.

In his capacity as Chairman of the annual American Fund for Israel Institutions presentation of "Music Under the Stars" at Brooklyn's Ebbets field, Mr. Stark oversees the organization which brings together dozens of America's foremost musical celebrities, each of whom contributes his services without charge in order to assist the American Fund's active programme of raising funds for leading cultural institutions in Israel and fostering intercultural relations.

Better Understanding

Once installed as New York City's Council President, Mr Stark initiated a sweeping programme which has provided better municipal schools; replaced slum areas with modern middle income housing; initiated more decent living facilities for elderly persons and the establishment of a special housing project for the aged; expanded youth recreational facilities; and fathered the creation of a Commission on Intergroup Relations, as part of his unceasing battle to promote better understanding and opportunities for New Yorkers of every race, religion, colour and creed.

To finance these and other improvements in New York City, Mr. Stark has fostered a programme to erect new industries as a means of boosting revenues available to the Municipality.

Council President Stark has won the admiration and appreciation of dozens of important community organizations. Symbolic of the high esteem in which his fellow citizens hold him was a recent turnout of 35,000 people who bestowed upon him a title he has long held unofficially in the hearts of millions — "Mr. Humanity."

During their brief stay in Israel, Mr. and Mrs. Stark will be the guests of the American Fund for Israel Institutions and the Mayors of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and Nazareth. A symbolic "Music Under the Stars" concert will be held in the Gan HaEm in Haifa under the auspices of Mayor Abba Khoushy. In Jerusalem, a recital of young talent discovered through the scholarship programme of the American Fund will also be held in honour of the guests.

At the Cinema

"DEEP In My Heart" (Eden, J'lem), based on the life of Sigmund Romberg is anything but facetious or inventive. The producers had enough material in the life of the Hungarian-born American composer who wrote the music to "May Time," "New Moon", "The Student Prince" and "Desert Song," all of which became Broadway smash hits and were later seen on the screen. Jose Ferrer plays Sigmund Romberg, down to the singing and dancing and the eccentricity of an Al Jolson impersonation. The film also stars Merle Oberon, Helen Traubel, Howard Keel, Gene Kelly, Tamara Toumanova, Walter Pidgeon, etc.

Paris Comedy

WE are sorry to confess that we were not amused by "4 Jours a Paris" (Zion, J'lem), based on the operetta by Francis Lopez. In splash colour and make-up, it is a comedy of errors about the love affair of a Paris hairdresser (Luis Mariano) with a country girl. *FRANGO*

Eerie Thriller

IF you want an eerie, compact thriller, then "23 Paces to Baker Street" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) is your film. True, despite the fact that the original novel was converted into cinema by Nigel Balchin, in this London, people order "scotch" instead of "whiskey." This, however, is a small point, because the whole idea of the plot is original — a half-caught conversation overheard through a glass partition by a blind man (the hero played by Van Johnson). From that point, the story develops quite rationally through the hero's literary perception (he is also a successful dramatist) and the heightened sensitivity of his other senses. It is a film which grasps essentials without being too detailed and it holds the interest right until the unexpected identification of the criminal.

The heroine is played by Vera Miles, the director Henry Hathaway and, among the credits, I wish to list your critic who, with unwonted perspicacity, at once caught a basic mistake in the tape recording of the telltale conversation. But, without that mistake, there would have been no film. Recommended. *H.*

Aged Home on New Principles

By AGATHA HAJNAL

CUPID'S arrow is not the only spur to marriages in homes for the aged. Moving from a room for four occupants to a room for two is also an incentive.

The longing for privacy was one of the chief considerations which Dr. Max Wasser, Director of Malben's Department for the Aged, took into account when choosing a plan for the new home that already houses 15 elderly persons in Rishon Le Zion.

Orange-roofed bungalows with a 20-person capacity each instead of large buildings for a hundred, as in the Natanya home, accommodate the new residents. The bungalows are subdivided into two self-contained sections, which include laundry facilities and a kitchenette where snacks can be prepared.

A balcony adjoins each room and these will be separated by creepers to provide privacy in each section.

Flowers and Vegetables

As each room has direct access to the garden, the old folk have their own plot of land to cultivate flowers for their rooms and vegetables for private use.

Many of the elderly are also in desperate need of company. Meals are taken in the central dining room. The culture house built on a hill includes a synagogue, a hall with a stage and a library.

The twelve bungalows are spread out in a circle over the 52 dunams of land. A site in easy access of Rishon le Zion was chosen so that the community could have contact with town life.

Work keeps the elderly from feeling useless. Because the aged have learned to do some of their own work, over the past five years the Malben homes have reduced their proportion of workers to residents from one to every five to one to every 12. The residents clean their own rooms, look after their clothes, serve themselves in the dining room and even help in the kitchen. The most modern cooking facilities have been installed there to ease the work: the big urns are on wheels and scarcely any lifting has to be done.

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KEEPING POSTED

AN acquaintance who lives near the Menorah Club says that he has been a sort of captive audience for Begin ever since traffic police moved his meetings away from Zion Square. "I don't know much about politics," he said, "except that I'm a small man myself and don't like the big bosses whoever they are. That's natural, isn't it? You can't play cards or listen to the radio anyway with this racket going on outside, so my wife and I sit at the window and listen. Like Hitler when he speaks? Well, maybe he is. Never heard Hitler myself in Austria. But you know, this time there was something wrong with the audience. They just have no manners. They come up and stand around a while, and then they slide away again. There were quite a lot of people at one time — most of them Orthodox young people, at that. And all those children sucking an *Artic* and talking and playing about. By the time he was finished there was hardly anybody left. I felt sorry for the man, talking up there almost to himself. Least you can do is hear a man out to the end, it's only polite."

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WE have heard a variety of complaints about the American beef that is now on the market, particularly from the butchers. You'd think they were losing money on it to hear them; to say nothing of the cattle farmers, who hadn't stopped complaining about the surplus butter and cheese yet. And though the housewife likes the butter and cheese, she complains the meat has too much fat. (They want it that way in America, it's more tender.) But now we have a complaint from a woman who says that she also doesn't like the idea of a 30-year loan to pay off the meat. She will be dead and buried, she thinks, and the Government will still be collecting taxes from people to pay for the meat she had last Saturday. In the end she took the clipping from the paper reporting the news of this deal to her butcher, and suggested that he should now give her credit for 30 years, and he turned her down flat. On the contrary, that was when he started telling her about the money he was losing.

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WHILE we are on the subject of economics, we would like to record a small incident that has a moral somewhere. It seems that a young couple went to spend a holiday in Ashkelon. They made friends with a little girl of three, and one day while they were sitting outside she came by, with another friend about her own size. The two girls announced that they were going to the grocer's to do some shopping. The husband asked them to buy a pickled cucumber for him but before he could put his hand in his pocket his wife interrupted rather rudely and told them not to do anything of the sort as he had no money. The two girls looked very sorry for a grown-up man who could not afford a cucumber. Suddenly one of them brightened up visibly and said she could get it for him. Her mother had given her a note for the grocer saying what she needed. She added, "I can't write, but I expect you can, so just write 'one pickled cucumber' at the bottom and then nobody need pay for it."

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A MAN just back from a year's study at Cornell University in New York declares that Israel was a great success at the great annual Halloween party there last year. The International House, where many foreign students lodge, provides entertainment simply by calling on each nation to provide a 20-minute programme. Things were not going too well. Most of the programmes were rather ambitious, and the public was getting bored. Despite protests, everybody was really rather looking forward to the Egyptian's promised belly-dancer, but she turned out to be far too plump by American standards, and it was a flop. The Syrians tried to produce a skit in a cardboard market place that kept falling down. He admits there probably were some European programmes, but he can't remember them. By the

time Israel's turn came, the public was so receptive they threatened to leave. The Israel committee rapidly decided that this was no time for tarbut *(culture), got the audience off their chairs and organized it into half a dozen concentric horas that nearly raised the roof. The Chinese and Japanese were the quickest and neatest learners, but it was a great success all round. Just keep your eyes fixed on the Middle East, he says, and plan accordingly.*

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